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Mr. Phi Dieu Tran A:

Following is new claim 25 which is claim 21 expanded to distinguish Applicants' window assembly further over French '199 and other references and should be allowable for the following reasons:

- 1) The recesses or grooves 21 and 22 within the window frame shown in FIGS. 1, 2 and 4 of French '199 are used for receiving threaded fasteners which function to center the window frame within the rough window wall opening. The grooves are not and could not be used for receiving the edge portions of exterior siding since the grooves are not located in lateral alignment with the exterior wall surface and do not have sufficient depth. French '199 has no suggestion of Applicants' channels 58 located to receive edge portions of exterior siding.
- 2) The locking channels 60 of Huelsekopf '100 face horizontally outwardly towards the exterior of the door 28. The channels do not face laterally outwardly for receiving edge portions of exterior siding mounted on the exterior wall surface, and there is no suggestion of Applicants' structure.

Please call me after you have reviewed following claim 25 and the above reasons for patentability.

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25. In combination with a building wall (14) having an inner surface (by 18) and an exterior surface (by 22) and defining a window opening (12) receiving a frame of a window assembly (10), said frame comprising an elongated sill member (25-FIG.1) of extruded plastics material and connecting a pair of elongated jamb members (110-FIG.2) of extruded plastics material, each of said sill and jamb members including longitudinally extending and laterally spaced inner and outer walls (27, 29) connected by longitudinally extending transverse walls (31,32,33) generally perpendicular to said inner and outer walls, each of said sill and jamb members including an exterior portion (45, 135) projecting outwardly from said exterior surface of said building wall and cooperating with an exterior said transverse wall (31) to define a channel (58) facing laterally outwardly adjacent said exterior transverse wall (31) and laterally aligned with said exterior surface of said building wall (14), said channels (58) of said sill and jamb members extending laterally inwardly of said outer walls (29) of said sill and jamb members and laterally inwardly of said window opening (12), and said channels (58) having substantial depth into said exterior portions (45, 135) of said sill and jamb members (25, 110) from said outer walls (29) to receive edge portions of exterior siding (100) mounted on said exterior surface of said building wall (14) with the edge portions of the siding projecting laterally inwardly of said window opening (12).

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